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NON-INCLUSION OF MADRAS IN THE PROPOSED ANDHRA PROVINCE.

*74 Q.--SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to sate--

(a) whether he made a statement at any time to the Press or in public that Madras will not be allowed to be included in the proposed Andhra Province;

(b) if so, whether the opinion of the Premier is based upon a Cabinet decision; and

(c) whether the Premier made the statement in this individual capacity?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:--"(a) In the course of a talk with the the press representatives the Premier observed that neither Andhras nor Tamils should put forward unreasonable demands, and jocularly remarked that if Andhras claimed Madras on historical grounds, Tamils might also claim Nellore, Chittoor and Tirupati. Only the 'Andhra Patrika' has published this remark, giving it a wrong colouring.

"(b) & (c) Do not arise."

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA:-- " In view of the fact that some bloodless men have threatened to shed blood consequent on this statement, will the Hon. the Premier at least now consider the desirability of issuing a public statement clarifying the issue or at least state that the has got an open mind even mow?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:--"I am glad to take the information from the hon. Gentleman. But at the same time as it has been explained in answer to question (a) I feel that there is no need for any further statement by the Hon. the Prime Minister."

SRI M. G. NATESA CHETTIYAR:--"May I know whether Salem and other Tamil districts are also claimed for the Andhra and whether there is any information with the Government to elucidate this?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:--" I am very thankful to the Hon. Gentleman for the information."

Mr. SPEAKER:-- "Anyhow the question does not arise."

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA:-- "Even taking that it was a jocular remark, coming as it does from the Hon. the Prime Minister as it has given rise to serious misgivings about the impartiality of the head of the Province, will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to reconsider the position once again and make a statement?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:--"'Serious misgivings' is only a relative term and each Gentleman may give his own interpretation on the matter."

SRI A. KALESWARA RAO:--"May I know, Sir, whether it is the offical opinion of the Madras Government that the whole question of Madras should be left to a Boundary Commission and that there should be no quarrel in regard to these things?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:--"I am glad to have this assurance from the Hon. Gentleman, Sir, The fact is that each of these people seem to be so keen on this question, there being no understanding or undertaking, they make remarks which lead to counter remarks."

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ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:--" Arising out of the answer given by the Leader of the House that the Hon. Premier's speech was not correctly reported, may I know what steps he is taking to see that correct news are published in the Press?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:--" I do not think there is any need to take any steps in this matter, Sir,"

SRI V. M. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR:--"May I ask, Sir, whether the matter of a separate Province is under the active consideration of the Local Government and whether the Local Govt. has been in consultation in the matter with the Central Government?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:--" As a matter of fact this matter has been taken up in connexion with the framing of the new constitution. So it is very difficult to say whether the matter is under active slow or late consideration."

SRI B. ANANTACHAR:--" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Kannada people have an equally good claim for the Madras City and whether it will be recognised by a due statement by the authorities?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:--"I am not aware of any such claim because the claims are getting increased as time goes on."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:--"~~I am not aware of any such~~ Is it not a fact, Sir, that the issue will be determined by a boundary commission and that individual opinions will not count and that in view of this it is unnecessary to waste the time ~~to~~ of the House further by discussing the subject?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:--"I think the hon. the Lady Member has put down the position very correctly, Sir."

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